

NOTE:

A tree removal permit, when issued, shall specifically identify which trees can be removed. Each tree permitted for removal shall be physically marked with an "X" using brightly colored paint or surveyor's tape. Or, if a group of trees are permitted for removal, the outside perimeter trees of the group may be designated with a brightly colored rope or tape in lieu of each tree. The permit will automatically expire 12 months after issuance. Trees not removed during the life of the permit may not be removed without the issuance of a new permit based upon new application.

**THE FOLLOWING RESOURCES
MAY BE HELPFUL:**

**Lake County Extension Office
Horticultural Learning Center**

1951 Woodlea Road, Tavares, FL 32778

Phone: (352) 343-4101

Web site: <http://cfextension.ifas.ufl.edu>

E-mail: cfedunak@ifas.ufl.edu

**Florida Department of
Agriculture & Consumer Services**

Division of Forestry

9610 County Road 44, Leesburg, FL 34788

Phone: (352) 360-6676

Web site: www.fl-dof.com

**University of Florida Institute
of Food and Agricultural Sciences**

Web site: <http://aquat1.ifas.ufl.edu/>

Institute for Systematic Botany

Web site: www.plantatlas.usf.edu

Association of Florida

Native Nurseries

Web site: www.afnn.org



LAKE COUNTY

DEPARTMENT OF
GROWTH MANAGEMENT

315 W. Main St., Tavares, fifth floor

Phone: (352) 343-9641

Fax: (352) 343-9767

www.lakecountyfl.gov

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**MISSION STATEMENT OF THE
LAKE COUNTY
ZONING DIVISION**

To provide the best customer service possible to the citizens of Lake County by affording a total range of services; continually improving the customer's experience with Lake County Government.

OBTAINING A TREE REMOVAL PERMIT IN LAKE COUNTY



LAKE COUNTY

DEPARTMENT OF
GROWTH MANAGEMENT
Zoning Division

For more information about zoning,
contact the Lake County Zoning Division
at (352) 343-9641.

For more information about safety
inspections, contact the Lake County
Building Division at (352) 343-9653.

WHEN IS A TREE REMOVAL PERMIT NEEDED?

- A Tree has a 4-inch diameter (measured 6 inches above the ground) or greater;
- The tree is a wetland tree or a tree that is part of a sand pine (Scrub) or xeric Oak community of any size; or
- Any protected trees species listed below:

Atlantic White Cedar	Loblolly Pine
Bald Cypress	Longleaf Pine
Pond Cypress	Pond Pine
White Elm (American)	Sand Pine
Cork Elm (Winged)	Slash Pine
Mockernut Hickory	Southern Red Cedar
Pignut Hickory	Basswood
Scrub Hickory	Blackgum
Water Hickory	Chickasaw Plum
American Holly	Flowering Dogwood
Dahoon Holly	Fringe Tree
Palatka Holly	Hackberry
Florida Maple	Hornbeam
Red Maple	Loblolly Bay
Sweet Bay	Persimmon
Southern Magnolia	Red Bay
Bluejack Oak	Red Mulberry
Chapman Oak	Redbud
Laurel Oak	River Birch
Live Oak	Sparkleberry
Myrtle Oak	Sugarberry
Post Oak	Sweet Gum
Sand Live Oak	Tulip Tree
Turkey Oak	Walter's Viburnum
Water Oak	Wax Myrtle
Sabal Palm (cabbage)	Wild Olive
Silver Palm	

WHAT IS THE CRITERIA FOR ISSUING A TREE REMOVAL PERMIT?

A tree removal permit can be issued when one or more of the following circumstances exist:

- The location of a tree restricts the opening of a street or right-of-way.
- The location of a tree restricts the construction of utility lines or drainage facilities.
- The location of a tree restricts access to a property.
- The location of a tree restricts the use of a property consistent with all other County and state codes and site location modification are not feasible or reasonable and which a variance would otherwise have to be granted.

WHAT IS NEEDED TO APPLY FOR A TREE REMOVAL PERMIT?

- A completed tree removal application (applications are available online at www.lakecountyfl.gov or at the Customer Services desk, located on the fifth floor of the Lake County Administration Building, 315 W. Main St., Tavares).
- An aerial photograph or drawing at a scale of 1-inch: 400-feet or greater showing:
 - All property boundaries
 - Location of individual trees
 - Diameter of individual trees
 - Common name of individual trees
- A current tax receipt or property record card with full legal description and current owner's name. (A recorded deed may be required to show current ownership).

- The tree constitutes a potential hazard to life or property that cannot be mitigated without removing the tree.
- The tree is dying, or dead, so that its restoration to sound condition is not practical, or it has a disease which can be expected to be transmitted and endanger the health of additional trees.
- In order to increase light and air circulation for the purpose of improving poor health conditions of a group of trees, the selective removal of up to 25 percent of the group of trees may be permitted.

HOW MUCH WILL A TREE REMOVAL PERMIT COST?

Tree removal permit for single-family or duplex lots	\$75
After the fact tree removal permit for single-family or duplex lots	\$125
Tree removal permit for commercial, industrial, multi-family, planned unit development (PUD), subdivision or mobile-home community	\$100
After the fact tree removal permit for commercial, industrial, multi-family, planned unit development (PUD), subdivision or mobile-home community	\$250
Tree replacement inspections for single-family or duplex lots	No Charge
Tree replacement noncompliance reinspections	\$25